

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2014 AT STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALTHOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Harry Bott Chairman
 Cllr John Brooker
 Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer
 Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth
 Cllr George Goring
 Cllr Michael Osborne
 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

Item *Action point*
 Minute no 2013/14/

1 APOLOGIES

327 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council and from Cllrs Balfour and Mrs Ann Kemp, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

328 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2014

329 It was proposed by Cllr Osborne, seconded by Cllr Brooker and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2014 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

330 No matters were raised.

5 PLANNING.**331 a Applications**

None received.

332 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix were received.

333 c Enforcement

No new enforcement matters were raised.

334 d Appeals

No new appeals notified.

- e **Other Planning Issues**
- 335 i **Field Shelter, Plaxdale Green Road**
- Cllr Bott apologised he had forgotten to take up the matter with the planners. He commented that in his opinion there had been a significant change in planning since he had become a parish councillor, partly due to new legislation but also due to the costs involved in contesting appeals. *HB*
- 6 FINANCE**
- 336 a **Bank Balances**
- The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.
- 337 b **Cheques Signed since Last Meeting**
- None
- 338 c **Accounts for Payment**
- It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Goring and agreed the accounts as listed on appendix B be paid (cheques 674 – 678), with the addition of £101 to the Society of Local Council Clerks (cheque 679).
- 7 GRANT APPLICATIONS**
- 339 None.
- 9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY**
- a **Recreation Ground**
- 340 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.
- 341 ii. Hire of Ground. Cloisters Bike Ride on 5th May. Agreed.
- 342 iii. Path to hall veranda and posts. Cllr Osborne said had repaired the path but had not yet done the posts.
- 343 b **Play Equipment**
- The Clerk said she would arrange a meeting of the project group to discuss ideas. Cllr Brooker said he would remove the spike left by the old roundabout, which had risen through the ground and was now proud of the surface. *RB*
JB
- 344 c **War Memorial and Garden**
- Cllr Mrs Falconer reported there had been a complaint that the shrubs had not been pruned at the correct times of year according to species. The Clerk said this was written in the specification and she would speak to the contractor. Cllr Brooker said that he only pruned the top of the hedge and the contractor would need to prune the face of the hedge behind the shrubs. *RB*
- 345 d **Telephone Kiosk**
- Nothing to report.

346 e **Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane**

Nothing to report.

9 **POLICE LIAISON**

347 a **Police Report**

PCSO Laura Bullen had reported by email that there had been burglaries in Plaxdale Green Road, Vigo Road and Fairseat Lane (Ash-cum-Ridley). Cllr Brooker said that someone had been sleeping in a car in Plaxdale Green Road.

348 b **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth said that Mrs Goring had handed over forms to pass on to the PCSO.

10 **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

349 a **Pond, Hatham Green Lane**

In view of the problems being experienced by KCC Highways due to the recent storms and flooding, the Clerk had not spoken to Martyn Colley. *RB*

350 b **Cob Trees, Hatham Green Lane**

The bollards had now been removed.

351 c **Yew Tree, Vigo Road**

Cllr Bott reported that since the storms, a yew tree was leaning over and had brought down cables. It was agreed to write to both UK Power Networks and British Telecom to deal with the tree before more problems to utilities were caused.

11 **VILLAGE HALLS**

a **Stansted Village Hall**

352 Cllr Mrs Goodworth reported that the Montessori pre-school had closed.

353 b **Fairseat Village Hall and Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report.

12 **BROADBAND**

354 Cllr Bott had no update to give.

13 **CONSULTATION**

355 No documents received.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

356 a Letter from Bob Hills

A letter of thanks had been received from Bob Hills.

15 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

357 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

358 No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2014